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OK ~~In~~ In conversations with US officials, Turkish Cypriot leaders have tended to downplay the importance of the arrival on the island of former underground leader George Grivas. They claim that his contribution to the Greek Cypriot military capabilities will be inconsequential, and suggest that even if he were to replace Makarios there would be little over-all change in communal relations, although the drive for enosis might be stepped up. *CS*

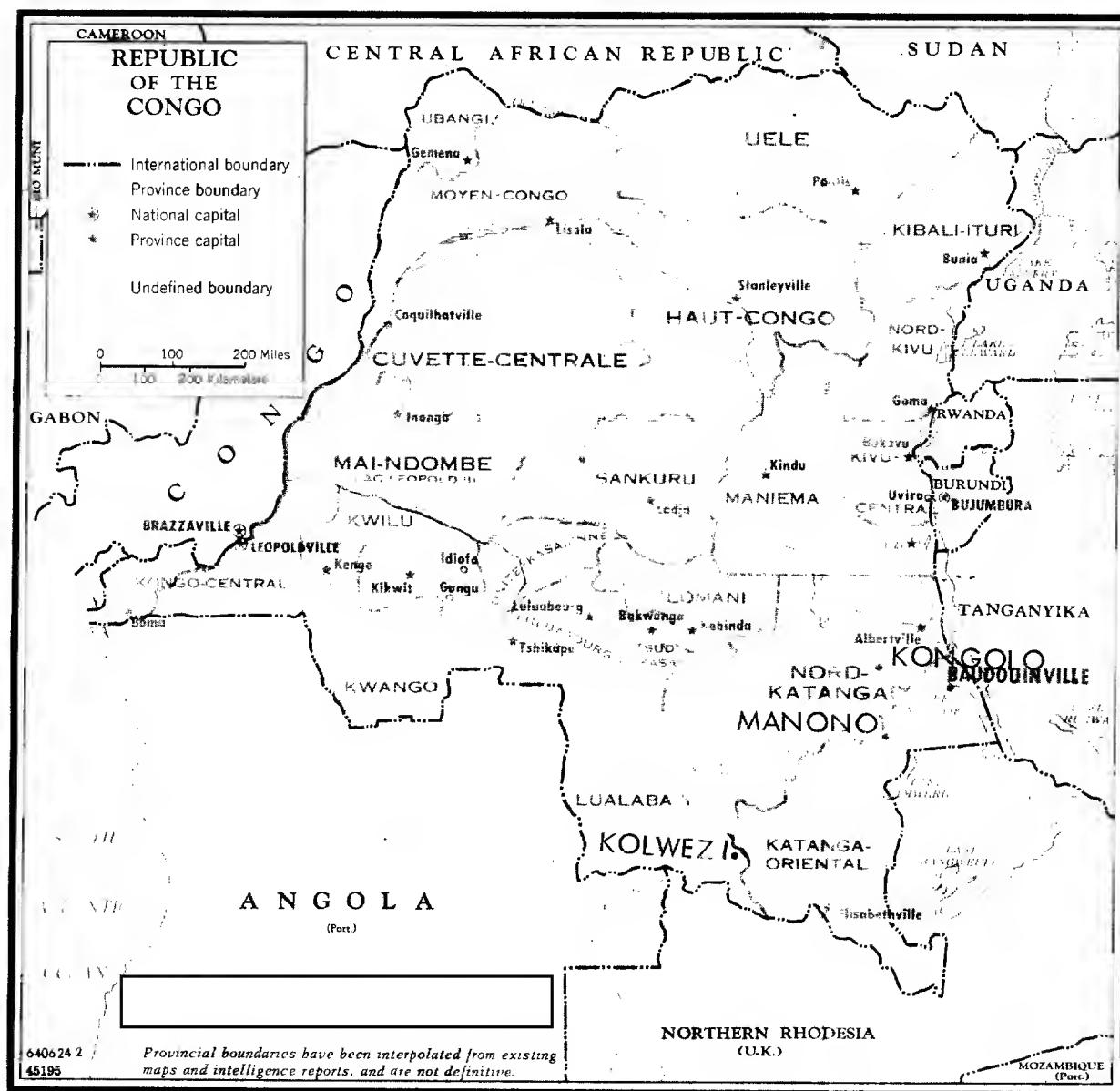
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According to a Turkish Foreign Ministry official, the Cypriot Government now is refusing to allow the resupplying of the Turkish Army contingent. The problem of supplies will not become critical for about a month, but Ankara says it intends to supply its troops "come what may."

The same official stated that his government's policy of seeking a Cyprus solution based on federation on the island has in effect "gone by the board." Stressing that Turkish national prestige is involved, he claimed that what Ankara really needs is a "small piece of Cyprus. It doesn't really matter how small."

The possibility of either a NATO base on Cyprus with Turkish participation or a purely Turkish military base would be unsatisfactory, he said, since the eventual elimination of all such bases around the world is "inevitable."

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Congo: [Moise Tshombé announced yesterday in Madrid that he was returning today to Leopoldville at the invitation of the Adoula government to seek an "immediate and effective reconciliation."]

[Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak said recently that President Kasavubu, Premier Adoula, and Justice Minister Bomboko seemed inclined to include Tshombé in a reconstituted government, as well as some representatives of the exile Committee of National Liberation (CNL).]

[The rapidly deteriorating situation in Katanga probably has forced the Adoula government to try to work out something with Tshombé. Spaak has reiterated to US officials that Brussels can go no further than it has in assisting the Congo Army until the Leopoldville government is reconstituted on a broader base.]

Top Congo Army leaders in Katanga believe a political reconciliation with dissidents is necessary to solve the deteriorating security situation. Colonel Bobozo, chief of the southern command based in Elisabethville, blames the government for the situation in Kwilu, Kivu, and North Katanga, and wants to push for a reconciliation with the dissidents.

Bobozo described his troops as completely unusable against the rebels. Troops in the important mining center of Kolwezi are openly talking of joining the rebels, [and a Belgian official describes the situation there as "explosive."] Europeans are reportedly trying to flee Manono, and the population of Kongolo is reported ready to welcome and support the Albertville insurgents.]

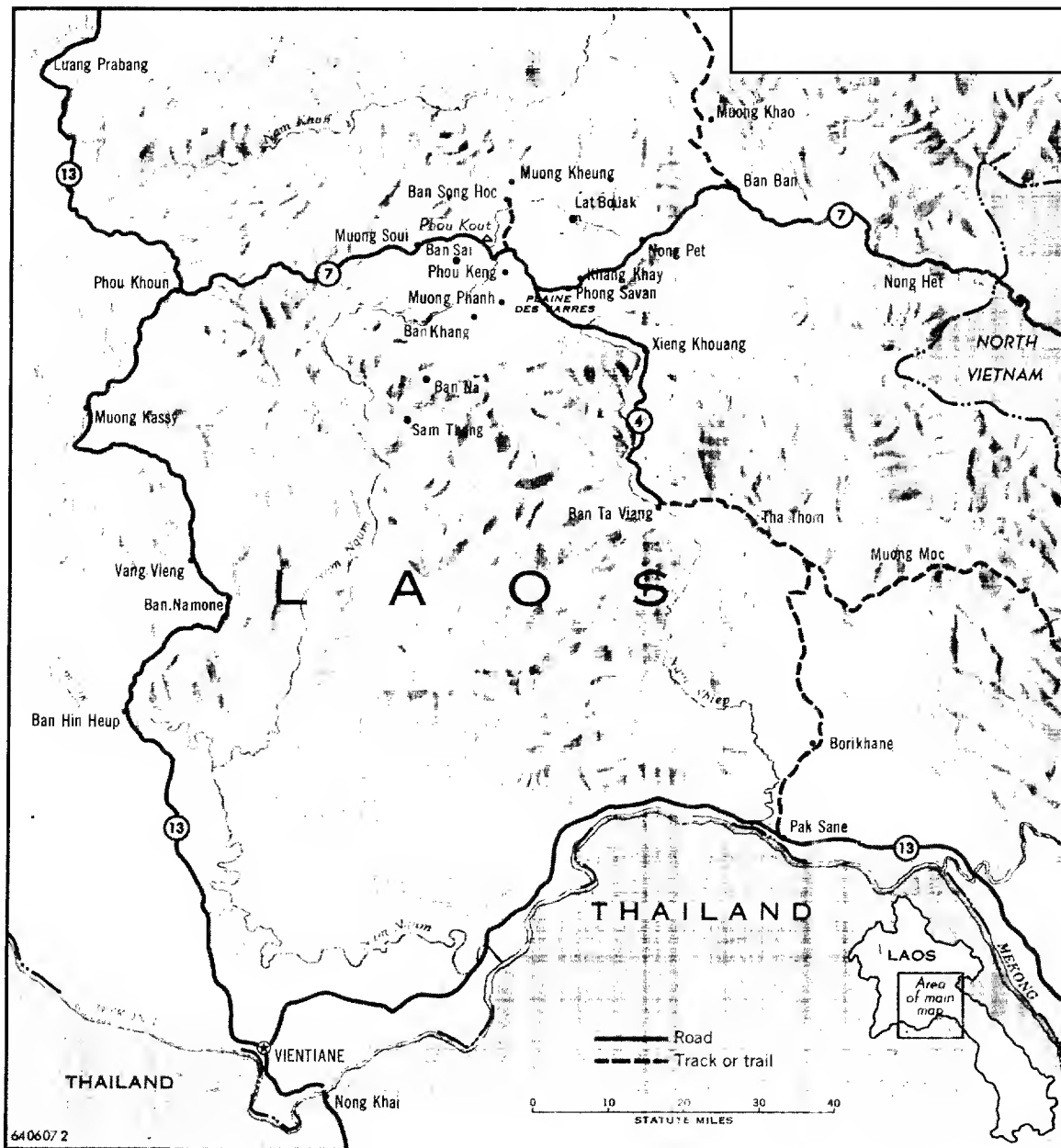
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Laos: [Premier Souvanna Phouma has called for sharply stepped-up military action against the Pathet Lao.]

[In a meeting with US officials on 23 June, Souvanna outlined plans for an attack against Pathet Lao positions in the Phou Khoun area, at the junction of routes 7 and 13. This action would be designed to forestall a move against the neutralist stronghold at Muong Soui by Communist forces reportedly moving westward along Route 7.]

[The plan calls for about ten battalions of rightist and neutralist troops--supported by Lao Air Force T-28s--to move against an estimated three Pathet Lao battalions positioned in the junction area.]

[The neutralist leader pressed for increased interdiction operations against Route 7 east of the Plaine des Jarres. He also called for continued strikes against Pathet Lao depots on the Plaine. He urged maximum US support for the success of these operations, including the use of US pilots for the T-28s and armed reconnaissance missions.]

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Communist China - Laos: Foreign Minister Chen Yi's statement of 24 June on Laos is the harshest yet made in Peiping's campaign to develop international pressure for negotiations on Indochina.

Chen's remarks, made at a banquet for a visiting African official, repeated ideas which the Chinese have previously employed in editorials and propaganda statements on Laos. Although they hint at the possibility of Chinese reaction in the event that the war escalates in Laos or spreads outside of South Vietnam, they remain deliberately vague concerning specific Chinese actions.

Chen warned that the Chinese would "absolutely not sit idly by while the Geneva agreements are completely torn up and the flames of war spread to their side." Calling once again for negotiations, Chen declared that no one should mistake Peiping's desire for a peaceful settlement as a "sign of weakness and think they can do whatever they please in Indochina."

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Chen Yi's remarks were probably not in reaction to the appointment of General Taylor as US ambassador in Saigon. The speech apparently was drafted prior to announcement of Taylor's appointment.

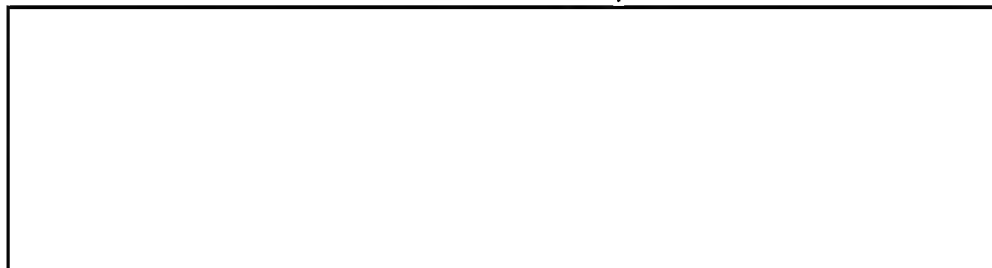
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Argentina: [The Argentine General Confederation of Labor (CGT) may extend its work stoppage campaign this week to the petroleum fields.]



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[CGT plans for the oil field may have accelerated the timing of the government's token "take-over" of certain petroleum areas operated by US firms. Government representatives appeared at the fields on Monday, rather than Wednesday when they were expected.]

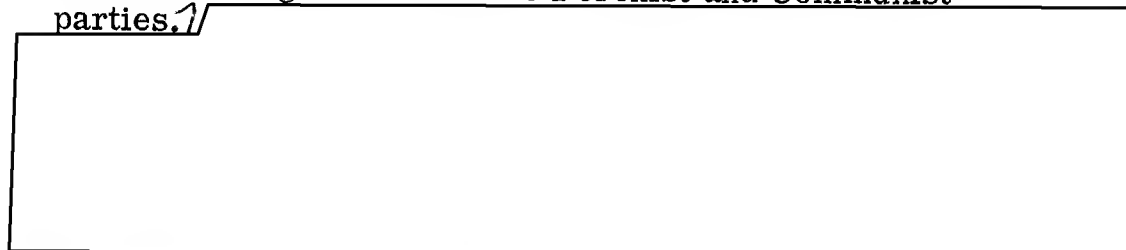
[The chief motivation for the government's move, however, would seem to be to reduce nationalist opposition to its efforts to work out a new relationship with the companies whose contracts were annulled last November.]

[Meanwhile, the CGT's tactic of "occupying" places of business for short periods of time is continuing.]



[Although the CGT has hinted that this phase of its campaign will terminate on 28 June, the end of labor agitation does not appear to be in prospect. CGT leaders are on record as stating that they will not cease their activity until the government agrees to all their demands. These include various political concessions such as the legalization of the Peronist and Communist parties.]

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British Guiana: [Supporters of Premier Cheddi Jagan are probably behind a new wave of terrorism that broke out this week.]

[More than 20 persons have been shot in the last two days, all but two of whom were Negroes. Automatic weapons were used for the first time.]

[The US consul general believes that the attackers were East Indian members of the regime's Progressive Youth Organization (PYO). He also has several reports that Mrs. Jagan has recently made several clandestine trips to PYO posts in the countryside.]

[The consul general lists several possible motives for this new terrorism. It may be an effort to demonstrate that Jagan's top lieutenants, several of whom have been under detention for nearly two weeks, are not responsible for the growing violence in the colony. It may be designed to show that the governor cannot control the country despite his extensive emergency powers. There may also be the desire to force postponement of the elections set for this fall, and to promote intervention by the United Nations.]

{Continued killing of Negroes by East Indian terrorists threatens to spark large-scale Negro retaliation, particularly in Georgetown. The police commissioner believes it would be virtually impossible to protect the East Indians were the Negro majority to go on a rampage.}

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West Germany - Communist China: Chancellor Erhard was convinced during his recent visit to the US that any further consideration of expanding trade with Communist China should be put off for the time being, according to a senior Foreign Ministry official. The official indicated that whether or not the question were reopened depended on developments in Southeast Asia. If the situation there showed improvement in the next two or three months, Bonn might be interested in working out some sort of commodity exchange agreement.

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Iraq: Antigovernment groups headed by senior officers opposed to last month's "unity" agreement with Egypt have begun to form throughout the army. Dissatisfaction with the agreement is already widespread, particularly among business groups and in the Shia religious community in the south. President Arif, who has maintained his position by playing off pro- and anti-Egyptian forces in the country, now finds his base of support shrinking and will soon be forced to choose sides.

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Afghanistan: King Zahir and Prime Minister Yusuf appear to be preparing to recast the Afghan cabinet along more liberal and pro-Western lines. The first and second deputy prime ministers, both conservatives, are slated for ambassadorial posts. The changes will help pave the way for adoption of a reform constitution late this summer.

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India: [The naming of C. Rajeshwar Rao, a moderate, as interim secretary general of India's Communist Party will reduce the influence of rightist party chairman S. A. Dange, and aid those who are attempting to halt the trend toward a formal party split. The Moscow-oriented official party is opposed by a loosely organized faction of militant leftists and anti-Dange centrists, who together may comprise some 40 percent of the membership. The appointment is likely to be made permanent at the party congress scheduled for early fall.]

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

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